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Mr. Fultz
Mr. Markham

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Upon Mr. Fultz' arrival [] explained again briefly what we had in mind for Mr. Fultz, which is conducting the Committee around, helping them in any way he can, bring them to Washington on a sight-seeing jaunt and perhaps take them to see a Congressman.

Mr. Fultz said he was concerned about any possibility of publicity in connection with himself and the committee; that he thought it might have very unfortunate repercussions within Albania as the government there would probably clamp down on any persons who are American educated. This was discussed and Mr. Fultz was assured that it was quite unlikely that there would be any publicity whatever and that should a meeting with reporters be arranged it would be done at the end of the Committee's visit after he had faded out of the picture.

Mr. Fultz asked what net impression was to be made on the Committee by their visit here. [] said we wanted them to leave and spread the word that they had received a great deal of help here. They don't expect formal American Government assistance.

Mr. Fultz asked if any identification of himself and Mr. Markham would indicate more government support than appears on the surface. The proposed plan was explained to Mr. Fultz, namely that [] would continue to appear as the government representative and the only person authorized to discuss business with the Committee during their visit here, Mr. Fultz will appear as an old friend of Albania who is interested in furthering the cause of the Committee, Mr. Markham will be the contact with the New York Committee and help them with Mr. Peola. Mr. Fultz reiterated that he wished no publicity for himself whatever.

Mr. Markham arrived at this point and took part in the rest of the discussion.

There was a good deal of discussion about Skendi's adherence to

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the Committee and the necessity of making it clear to Dosti that he is not nor ever was a member of the Committee. Mr. Markham said that he would undertake to talk to Dosti and explain that he was not on the Committee. Mr. Markham saw no reason why the Committee should not get in touch with Skendi and try to make him change his mind about becoming a member. However it was decided that in view of the fact that Frasher and Kotta would be requested to remain in the U.S. that would undoubtedly meet the State Department requirement that there be "American representation" on the Committee. If Skendi joins, good, if not it doesn't really matter.

Word was received that the Committee will arrive in New York on Monday. OO will be asked to have them met, taken to a hotel and given enough money for minor expenses until [] gets in touch with them. [] will get in touch with them Monday afternoon and give a dinner for them that evening, which Mr. Fultz and Mr. Markham will attend, being introduced by [] as described above. [] will give each Committee member \$500 and Petrit Kapi \$100. Mr. Fultz will receive money with which to pay hotel bills for the Committee. He will guide them around New York, assist them in getting in touch with Skendi, bring them to Washington and generally play nursemaid to them during their stay in the U.S. Mr. Markham will be at their disposal for all matters relating to the relationship of the Committee to the New York Committee and will also do whatever he can to be of assistance to them in an unofficial way.

It was decided that there was no reason why Frasher should not see someone in the State Department, probably Mr. Campbell but possibly []. They may also visit Congress, possibly seeing Senator Connally. They will probably wish to go to Boston also. No other specific plans were made for them during their stay in the U.S.

Mr. Fultz and Mr. Markham will get together Sunday and arrange about going up to New York and getting in touch with [] upon arrival there.

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